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About The Cover

This cover recognizes the men and women of the 174th Fighter Wing who made the recent exercise at Eglin Air Force Base a success!

Vision Statement

Our Vision is a world class fighter wing comprised of diverse individuals powered to meet all challenges, and win. We accept nothing less.

Mission Statement

Provide combat ready personnel, aircraft, and equipment prepared for world wide deployment. To deter or attack and destroy enemy surface and airborne forces in support of joint operations; and to support civil authorities at the direction of the governor.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

As I write these comments, it's hard for me to see the screen through the massive smile on my face. 85% of the stress and strain associated with the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process slipped away 30 minutes ago as I read the official release. There it was...or wasn't, in this case. No mention of Hancock Field, anywhere. The classic example of "no news is good news." Those of you doing the math will note that I still have a good 15% of BRAC stress left, because as I have been, and will continue to preach, "it ain't over." Admittedly, it's quite a bit harder to be placed back on the list if you weren't there originally, but it's not impossible. That last 15% will be gone in November with a presidential signature.

The implications of today's news are obvious, and not so obvious. Certainly, it implies a future for the base in conjunction with the announcement of the bed down of the Predator Squadron. Not as obvious is the fact that the complete lack of any verbiage in BRAC law pertaining to our Wing means business will continue as usual here for the foreseeable future. F-16 operations will continue; we'll deploy for AEF next year, we'll take an ORI the following year (sorry to bring you back down to earth), and so on. In the headline of this morning's newspaper, Congressman Walsh spoke of the future, follow-on airframes, and Predator mission as growth. The opportunities are out there, and we are positioned well to take advantage of them.

The news wasn't positive for all of our fellow Air Guard Wings, however. Most notably, the 107th Air Refueling Wing

at Niagara Falls received the devastating word that they are slated for closure. This is an outstanding organization with dedicated personnel who have been there for us time and again whenever we needed their assistance. Our thoughts are certainly with them, their families, and their entire community as they work through the remainder of the BRAC process.

The list of people to thank for our position is understandably long, as this was certainly a team effort. The support and strength of our political delegation had plenty to do with ensuring that the Hancock Field story was told in the right arenas. Our military leadership at the State Headquarters certainly has worked hard to position us for success both in our mission and in our future. The support from our community, and in particular, the Hancock Airfield Military Advisory Community Council (HAMACC), who collected thousands of signatures that were forwarded to DoD on our behalf. But without question, the group that deserves my thanks the most, is you! Every time we deploy in support of national objectives, every time we render assistance to our community in time of need, every time we help out a fellow military organization in the completion of their mission, we do it completely, professionally, and successfully. Reputation has a lot to do with our current positioning. YOU have built that reputation over many years of outstanding results. Thank you.



Col. Anthony Basile
174FW Commander

Airmen!

By Chief Master Sgt. Mark Atkinson, 174FW, Command Chief



In my readings I came across this article authored by Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Wright, U.S. Air Force. I felt it was worth sharing with our unit members. Please note the conflicts listed in the article. We have participated in more than one of them!

Airmen!

"The flight line and the cockpit are on the 21st century front lines of joint U.S. military operations around the world. The Airman continues to be an engaged American warrior."

For decades, the United States of America has been known throughout the world as a preeminent, technologically formidable, air and space power nation. Increasingly, our Nation integrates air and space dominance in the formulation of national security strategies and in the conduct of global joint military operations. Airmen continue to be respected teammates among their Soldier, Sailor, and Marine counterparts. Now more than ever America enjoys a combat advantage because of talented and courageous professionals specifically versed and trained in the principles and applications of air and space power—our Airmen!

During the past fifteen years, our Nation has compiled an impressive list of military and national security successes: Desert Shield/Storm (Iraq, 1990-91); Northern Southern Watch (Iraq, 1991-2003); Provide Promise (Bosnia, 1992-96); Deliberate Force (Bosnia, 1995); Allied Force

(Yugoslavia, 1999), Noble Force (USA, 2001-present), Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan, 2001-present); Iraqi Freedom (Iraq, 2003-present); and Unified Assistance (Southern Asia, 2004-present). In all these operations, Airmen employed, and continue to employ, America's asymmetric advantage—air and space power—to create battlespace effects that enabled the rapid attainment of national policy objectives. To remain decisive in the joint fight, Airmen must remain forward looking and always expect the unexpected from our Nation's enemies. To this end, the United States Air Force (USAF) and its Airmen will continue to provide a transformational approach to 21st century warfare built on the shoulders of those heroes that came before them. Whether in the air, on the ground, or via space, Airmen are guardians of freedom, employing decisive, integrated airpower across the full spectrum of conflict.

In the air...

Airmen have transformed airpower employment from an airplane-centric to a capabilities-centric approach for the Joint Forces Commander. Trained, prepared and ready to meet the most dangerous and threatening perils, Airmen have championed airpower's unique characteristics and delivered overwhelming combat power and defeat to our opponents on the battlefield and throughout the 21st century multi-dimensional battle space.

Continue to be America's Airmen!





Chaplain's Corner

By Lt. Col. Timothy Bejian, 174FW, Chaplain

Greetings From Your Chaplain

Recently, Donna my Bodacious Bride of 34 years and I spent a week hiking in Zion National Park in southern Utah. Zion,

like the Grand Canyon, is part of the Colorado Plateau and the trails can be physically challenging. Some of the trails can actually be quite dangerous and to hike them you have to sign a waiver, but the rewards are great. The views can be spectacular, if not, breath taking. One such trail in particular, Angel's Landing Trail, ends on a small mesa from which you can stand at its edge and look straight down 1500 feet. Not everyone has the nerve to get to this spot. To get out onto Angel's Landing, you have to cross a space of about 60 feet where the trail is no wider than 4 feet and the drop off on one side is 1500 feet while the drop off on the other side is 1200 feet.

Now the reason I shared this with you is that when you are hiking trails like this with a group of people - these were guided group hikes - you sometimes hear very interesting quotable comments. Two such comments occurred during our week of hiking and I want to share them with you. And though they are very different, they do in my own weird way of thinking fit to-

gether - sort of. The first comment comes from the gentle sweet lips of my bride of 34 years. It goes this way and I quote: "Poke me with that finger one more time and you will lose it." I learned a valuable lesson from this. It is better to walk far ahead of a slower hiker on a narrow trail than behind one - the bruises have almost completely faded now. The second comment came from our geologist trail guide Darrell as we looked down on a meandering riverbed. He quoted an author by the name of Ralph Parlette who wrote: "It is by following the lines of least resistance that Make Rivers and Men crooked." You should ponder this thought for a while before you read any further!

As I said before, in my own weird way of thinking both these quotes fit together. They both speak to the idea that, we all too often make decisions without thinking about the long-term consequences. It seems that we would rather hurry things on by choosing the easy way rather than the right or best way. Jesus in The Sermon on the Mount said: "Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go through it. How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it." Again, something to ponder before you move on.

God's Blessings, Chaplain Tim



It's Spring... Don't Fall

By Master Sgt. Al Nall, 174FW, Safety Office

As spring approaches many of us will begin our annual attempt to become extreme home makeover artists. Unfortunately home repair projects, especially those that include a large amount of off-U.S. Consumer more than 164,000 emergency rooms are planning on spring, please beforehand and scheduled trip to use the following



ladders, account for a large duty mishaps. According to the Product Safety Commission, people each year are treated in for ladder-related injuries. If you doing home repair work this think about what you're doing perhaps save yourself an un-the hospital later on. You can also tips when working with ladders:

- ★Select the proper height ladder for your task
- ★Place ladders on firm level surfaces, all metal ladders should have slip-resistant feet
- ★Use wooden or fiberglass ladders when working near electricity
- ★Ensure ladder is clean and in good working condition
- ★Never climb on a slippery or shaky ladder

You can find additional information on proper use of ladders at *Y:\Fs_base\SAFETY\Ladder Safety*

Driving to Save Lives

If your insurance bill is cutting into your discretionary spending funds, why not consider taking the New York State Defensive Driver's Course. The course is offered each quarter here on base. It will help improve your driving skills and entitle you to a 10% reduction on your automobile insurance. The class costs \$30.00 and will pay for itself with what you save on your premium from a single year. You need only take the course once every three

years to qualify for the deduction. The next class is scheduled for 18 Jun 05. It will be held in the Large Operations Briefing Room (Bldg 643) and begins at 0830hrs. Members and their dependents are welcome to attend. Please call the Base Safety Office at extension 143 to reserve your seat's).

Cutting back on lawn mower injuries

In the spring sprucing up the yard can be quite a chore. It can also cause some of the most serious warm weather injuries of the season. This year hundreds of children will visit emergency rooms with a life-altering injury that could result in an amputation, disfiguring scar, or other impairment. These estimated injuries are completely preventable with a little education and some common sense. Operators of these limb-mangling devices are not immune to their dangers. If you're planning to do yard work this season, start off by wearing the right clothing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Long pants, sturdy shoes, eye and hearing protection are recommended, if you are performing lawn care on base, they are required. Be sure to wear PPE while using all powered lawn care tools. Be careful on slopes to prevent tipping or losing control. Shut the mower down and use gloves before clearing any debris or grass from the mower blades. Keep the blades sharp and ensure all guards are in place. At home keep children indoors while you mow and never let anyone under age 12 operate lawn equipment. Riding mowers are built for the operator only, so no passengers while you mow the grass. Stones, twigs, dirt and other debris create additional hazards. Walk through and clear your mowing area before starting and ensure no one enters the area once you have begun. Lawn mowers can be safe if used properly, but the best-engineered mower won't protect a careless user. Enjoy the warmer weather and your back yard without any needless mishaps.

Do you get Basic Allowance for Housing?

By 1st Lt. David Pyke, 174FW, Financial Services Officer

Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Re-Certification!!! When, Why and How do Air National Guard members re-certify this entitlement you might ask? This question can be answered with a paraphrasing of several DoD and DFAS regulations – members are required to re-certify the status of their dependents at Permanent Change of Station (PCS) arrival, every three years (triennially), and within 60 days prior to separation or retirement.

At PCS arrival members are required to complete an AF Form 594, depending on the allowance to be paid. Newton's third law of physics says "for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction". However, finance does not follow this law. For a member's IN-ACTION there will be a REACTION from the Financial Services Office (FSO). Members have 30 days from receipt of the form to return it to the FSO before action is taken to stop all or part of the allowance. The three scenarios for action to be taken by the FSO are as follows:

➤ If a member fails to return the form by the due date the FSO

is required to stop the "with dependents" portion of the allowance at the end of the month.

➤ If a member completes the re-certification late, the FSO will restart the higher rate of allowance effective the date the form is completed. NOTE: The higher rate is not retroactive to the date the form was due!

➤ If a member fails to re-certify even after the allowance has been stopped, notification to the member of a collection action will be taken effective the date of the last re-certification.

Here at the 174th Fighter Wing our practice is to certify the base as a whole and keep everyone on the same cycle. Our next cycle is due in January of 2006. However, a member should self-initiate when their dependent status changes. Status changes may include but are not limited to Marriage, Divorce, Separation, Death, or Birth. The definition of dependent can be interpreted differently so for the purpose of BAH

dependent means a members spouse or children to whom the member provides support.



More (Dental) Adventures of Joe & Friends

By Lt. Col. Wenzell E. Carter, 174FW, Dentist

(Based on a Prevention Magazine article)

"Joe, can you let the First Sergeant know I've got a dental appointment over at the Medical Group?"

"Sure Linda, I'll tell him. I don't envy you. That dentist over there has turned into a real fanatic since this Annual Dental Exam business has started."

"Oh, he's no problem. Besides I've had my teeth bleached by my dentist. Look. No more coffee stains!"

"Pretty good, pretty good. But you know how that dentist is, he was all over me about flossing. As a matter of fact when he was considering profiling me, his tech gave me a lot of information about flossing and enrolling in Tricare."

"Well, who's got time to floss! I sure don't. By the way did I tell you how much I spent getting my teeth bleached?"

"I've gotta tell you Linda, you may want to rethink that statement about not taking the time to floss. Let me read you something the Doc gave me, and I quote, 'At least 23 percent of women between 30 and 54, and 44 percent of women over 55, have severe gum (or periodontal) disease, reports the **American Academy of Periodontology**. Gum disease is a serious bacterial infection that attacks the tissue surrounding one or more teeth and the bone supporting them. **It's the number one cause of tooth loss in the United States**, but it's far from just a cosmetic issue. When periodontal bacteria enter the bloodstream, they can travel to major organs and cause chronic inflammation. In recent years, researchers have come to suspect that such simmering infections

in the body may be implicated in some cases of heart disease, stroke, cancer, and even premature birth.'"

"Joe did you ever consider auditioning for an anchor slot at CNN? You read bad news as well as the pros do!"

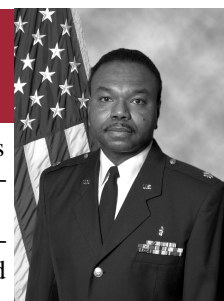
Joe not realizing that Linda is joking decides he should continue developing his technique for his next career move using his best news anchor voice.

"Yes Linda, when you have gum disease, it's like having an infected, oozing hand. Gum disease is that big of an infection if it's generalized throughout the mouth," according to Marjorie Jeffcoat, DMD, dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and lead researcher on a groundbreaking study that found that women with gum disease were three to eight times more likely to have a premature baby than were women with healthy gums. The culprit is a labor-inducing prostaglandin produced by their immune systems to combat the infection."

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"O.K. Joe, enough already!!" I'll call CNN myself and tell them to sign you up!!

"Why thank you, Linda. You're so kind. I'll remember you when I get to Atlanta. And one more thing. **If you had taken a DD Form 2813 to your dentist and returned it to the Medical Group, I wouldn't have tortured you today. Now you'll get the same speech from the Dental Staff too.**"





"Cobra Sun II"

By Capt. Angel "FIG" Figueroa, 174FW, Project Officer Cobra Sun II

The 174th Fighter Wing deployed to Eglin AFB, FL during the last week of March through the first week of April, led by Lt. Col. Ted "Limpy" Limpert. Thanks to the hard work of many, this deployment was a success, especially CMSgt. Ken Potter (NCOIC), MSgt. Joe Healey (1st Shirt) and Capt. Nick Lotito (MX OIC).

Due to the efforts of the young schedulers at Ops, and the outstanding work from the Logistics Readiness Squadron, we were able to obtain a KC-135 from the Wisconsin ANG, and a C-5 from the 105th AW at Stewart, to help us deploy down to Florida. I guess if your looking for help to go to Florida in the winter, anybody is willing to help out.

A key to a smooth deployment should be attributed to how far in advance you do your Site Survey. The 33rd WG was pleased (probably surprised) to see us arrive a month in advance to find out how and where the operation was going to be established. Thanks to MSgt. Mark Witte, 33 AMS Pro-Super, for his outstanding support.

The training against the F-15Cs was outstanding. It helped us accomplish MQT sorties (Initial Training) for the new pilots, Post MQT Dissimilar training, which is a requirement in our syllabus, and IPUG (Instructor Pilot Upgrade) training against the F-15s simulating MIG-29s FSU tactics. Some of the young pilots have never flown over water before, which sometimes could be a challenge for lack of horizon. The airspace was out-

standing, with minor or no restrictions. It is nice when you can fly with no airspeed restriction, be able to go supersonic and attack the enemy. We also had a chance to practice an ACMI (Air Combat Maneuvering Instrumentation) System debrief. That is where, after you get done flying, you go back to a debriefing room with your adversaries and talk about, review and debrief what happened in the air, for the Air-to-Air fight. You look at when you took your shots, analyze and debrief what you could have done better.

On a special note I will like to thank, and recognize the outstanding job SSgt. Mitch Pomerleau, and SSgt. Tim Mader did during the deployment. They worked long hours while supporting and working on the D-model. We triple turned tail 042 every day. We were able to accomplish 11 incentive rides, and 1 operational ride with Maj. Lani "Victoria" Secreti in the back seat.

Thanks to MSgt. Healey and his staff, we were able to have lunch every day, multiple social activities, and a Group party at the end of the deployment. Our security forces kept our jets safe on a 24-7 basis. Maj. Lani "Victoria" Secreti, 138FS Life Support, and MX were the key to make sure the folks getting the incentive rides were well prepared for the sortie of their life. "Well Done", and "Well Deserved" for those of you who had a chance to fly.

Many individuals helped to make this deployment an effective and enjoyable time. As a result of this deployment we are better trained today to go to combat.

Chief's Coins

By Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Potter, 174FW, Deployment NCOIC

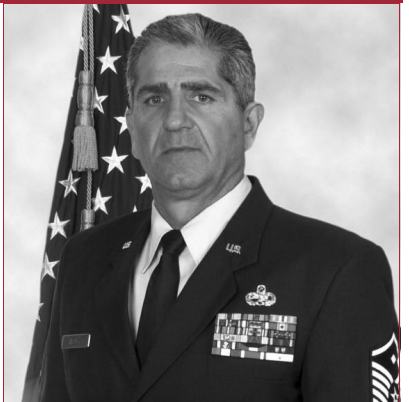


Staff Sgt. Mitchell Pomerleau

During the recent training deployment to Eglin AFB, FL "COBRA SUN 2", SSgt. Mitchell Pomerleau and SSgt. Timothy Mader, distinguished themselves by providing outstanding support to the incentive ride program by managing the maintenance responsibilities of 86-0042 the only assigned F-16 "D" model. Thanks to their combined efforts the wing was able to provide eleven award winners and deserving airman with 1 hour F-16 rides over the ranges at Eglin AFB and the Gulf of Mexico. They accomplished this by careful planning and skillful execution of their duties and responsibilities. These efforts resulted in the "D" model achieving the top flyer award in both sorties and hours for the deployment.

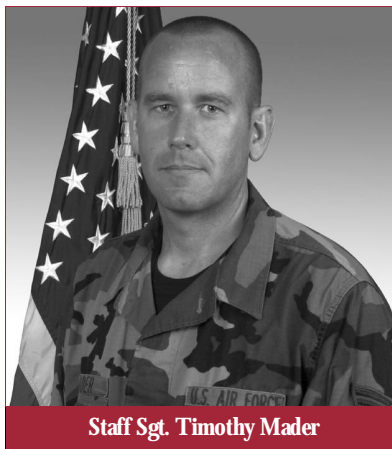
For their contributions, CMSgt. Kenneth Potter, Deployment NCOIC, presented them with a Hancock Field Chief's Coin for Outstanding Performance.

MSgt. Joseph Healey was presented a Hancock Field Chief's Coin for Outstanding Performance by CMSgt. Kenneth Potter, Deployment NCOIC, for his support of the deployed personnel during the recent training deployment to Eglin AFB, FL "COBRA SUN 2".



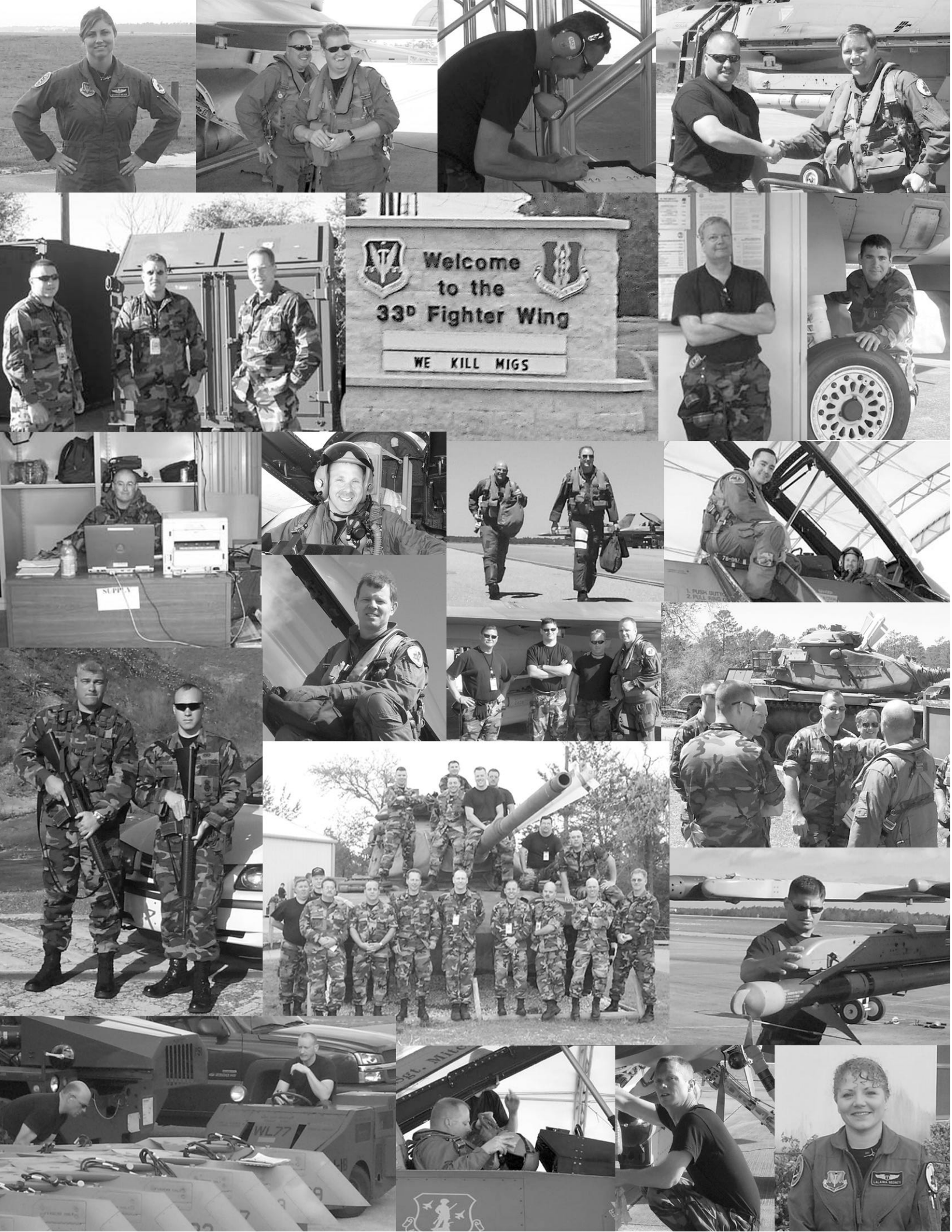
Master Sgt. Joseph Healey

His efforts contributed greatly to the welfare of all deployed personnel during this short but very busy deployment. His daily involvement with activities ensured a smooth and enjoyable trip. Well done!



Staff Sgt. Timothy Mader







Individual Billing Accounts For Commercial Government Travel

By 1st Lt. Timothy T. Martin, 174FW, Logistics Readiness Officer

Over the next few months the Transportation Management Office will be going through a procedural change that will affect all military members assigned to the 174th Fighter Wing and tenant units when traveling on official government orders utilizing commercial transportation.

Currently all airline tickets and SATO fees are charged to a *Central Billing Account* that is transparent to the military member. The new procedure will now charge the military members Government Travel Card on an *Individual Billing Account*. The military member will now become responsible for the payment for airline tickets and related SATO fees. This change will take place in three phases:

1. Currently personnel will be advised if an IBA will be utilized and coordinated with their respective orders clerk.
2. Effective 1 July 2005 **all full time members** will be required to utilize IBA.
3. Effective 1 October 2005 **all military and civilian members assigned to the 174th Fighter Wing and tenant units** will utilize IBA.

The process to request tickets will not change. The member must utilize TMO to make travel reservations and provide a copy of certified travel orders with the travel request. There are several things that members traveling and orders clerks

must do to ensure proper payment is received:

1. Orders clerks must indicate on official travel orders that *Individual Billing Account* is to be used.
2. Member traveling **must report to TMO to sign for airline tickets and receive a certified copy of SATO invoice**. This invoice must be stamped *Individual Billing Account* and must be identified and submitted for reimbursement on travel voucher.
3. A **SATO fee of \$24.65** will be charged to the traveling member and must be identified and submitted for reimbursement on travel voucher.

Note: Any changes made to travel arrangements for the convenience of the traveler that exceeds the standard government cost will be the responsibility of the traveler.

Note: Tickets will not be issued to traveler prior to 72 hours in advance of travel.

It is imperative that all members traveling on official orders ensure that they submit the proper documentation and identify appropriate fees related to travel on their travel voucher. Failure to do so could result in charges not being reimbursed to the member. Please feel free to contact MSgt David Shaffer at extension 105 for any questions.

174th Fighter Wing Outstanding Airman, Noncommissioned Officer, and Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter for the period of 1 October – 31 December 2004



Airman of the Quarter
SrA. Michael W. Portorsnok
174th SFS/SFOA



NCO of the Quarter
TSgt. Mathew R. Rose
174th FOL/FOLX



SrNCO of the Quarter
MSgt. Louis Bruno
174th CF/SCM

How Active Are You?

By Maj. Janice Priester-Bradley,
174FW,
Health Promotions Educator



Physical activity helps burn calories, increase metabolic rate, and strengthen the cardiovascular system. Recommendations for physical activity vary in terms of number of times per week, length of time and intensity. While the facts are relatively simple, the most important factor is that physical activity is essential to a healthful lifestyle.

Judge your activity by the following scale. If you...

- ? Sit, stand, drive, sew, iron or cook, your activity level is very light and you burn few calories
- ? Do electrical work, house clean, take care of children, play golf and walk for less than two miles, your activity is light
- ? Work hard in the garden, cycle, play tennis or dance your activity level is moderate
- ? Manual labor, basketball, soccer and climbing are heavy activity

The higher activity level the more calories you burn and the better your physical fitness. Source: www.eatright.org



Capt. Michael A. Arnold was promoted to Major on the 24th of February. He is the Readiness Officer for the 174th Civil Engineering Squadron. Maj. Arnold is given a congratulatory kiss from his wife Rima after receiving his gold oak leaf clusters. Congratulations!



(L to R) Girl Scout Junior Troop #429 of Liverpool were selling cookies during lunch on the March UTA at the dining hall. Kris Ambriati - Assistant Troop Leader, Brianna Harris, Brad Harris, McKenzie Harris, Zoe Ambriati, Sophia Harris, TSgt Claudette Harris - Troop Leader, and 1st Lt. Andrea Bastardo 174th Services Commander pose for the camera. The girls attend Donlin Drive Elementary School.



Col. Anthony B. Basile, 174th FW CC celebrated his "50th" birthday on the 16th of March. SSgt. Donna Mula and MSgt. Anita Dardis and others from the Wing wish him a Happy Birthday!



Lt. Col. Gordon Howard was promoted to Colonel on the 30th of March. He is the Vice Commander of the 152nd Air Operations Group. Brig. Gen. Robert A. Knauff, Vice Commander of the NYANG and Mrs. Norma Howard, Col. Howard's wife, change the rank on Col. Howard's epaulets.



Master Sergeant Joel Graham was promoted to Senior Master Sgt. on the 23rd of March. He is the 174th FW Security Forces Squadron Superintendent. Col Anthony B. Basile 174th FW Commander and Senior Master Sgt. Joel Graham pose with his official promotion letter.

Base Announcements

Community College of the Air Force April 2005 Graduation Class

CMSgt Michael Dunn	Ecological Controls
CMSgt Wayne Walker	Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
MSgt Bernadine Maclean	Radiologic Technology
TSgt James Augustus	Avionic Systems Technology
SSgt Aland Sanchez	Communications Applications Technology
SSgt Sonja Williams	Human Resource Management
SrA Brian Cooney	Information Systems Technology
SrA Allison Orth	Financial Management
SrA Noah Yousey	Electronic Systems Technology

Congratulations on your success!



Bigger and Better than ever!

The 6th Annual Wing Dining Out will be held on Saturday the 10th of September at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool. The Chapter 50 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy Graduates Association and the Hancock Field Chiefs Council are sponsoring this year's Dining Out.

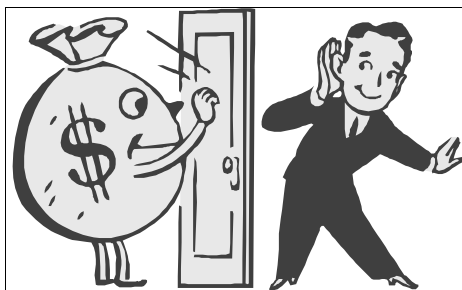
NY State Educational Incentive Program

During the JUNE UTA there will be a **NY State Educational Incentive Program** briefing.

Audience: College Students. Application packages will be available to be filled out on the spot.

Bring with you: Tax information on income and tax paid. A copy of the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov you have already submitted. Or the Student Aide Report (SAR) and Tap Award Certificate (TAP). Part-time students must complete an Aid for Part-time Study through the school for that semester.

Remember DMNA Form 96-1 must be completed each semester. FALL Semester DEADLINE: 5 August 2005. NO drill in July, and Aug drill is after the deadline.



Family Readiness Open House

A Tricare representative will be here on the **June UTA** to present the annual Tricare briefing. The briefing will last approx. 45 minutes. This briefing is for all members - not just AGR's. Sections have been scheduled at certain times due to limited seating in the WCR and Dining Hall. Please see your 1st Sgt or Supervisor for your scheduled time and location.

In addition to the Tricare briefing, materials and handouts will be available on Family Readiness Issues and other pertinent information. I will also have the new office open for visiting and some light refreshments. Please call the Family Readiness Office for more information: 315-454-6577.

Department of Defense Launches New Military Spouse Career Center

Washington, DC - April 4, 2005 A new Military Spouse Career Center commissioned by the Department of Defense Office of Military Community & Family Policy launched today at www.military.com/spouse <<http://www.military.com/spouse>>. The new resource connects America's 1 million military spouses with education options, scholarships, training programs, career planning tips and employment opportunities.

The new Military Spouse Career Center was developed under contract by Monster, the leading global online careers property, and it's Military.com subsidiary. "Military spouses also serve, and we aim to put career, education and training opportunities and resources at their fingertips," said John Molino, Deputy Under Secretary for Defense for Military Community and Family Policy.

"We aim to make it easier for employers and educational institutions to reach this large, attractive talent pool that has proven elusive to-date, says Christopher Michel, President of Military.com, a subsidiary of Monster.

The new Military Spouse Career Center offers an extensive job board that includes hundreds of thousands of jobs from the public and private sectors. A list of Military Spouse-Friendly employers is included, and will grow as more employers step forward to participate.

The new Career Center includes information on entering and advancing in popular career fields, especially when military relocation requires finding a new role. The Career Center covers many so-called "portable" career fields that lend themselves to continuity despite frequent relocations. Also included is information regarding jobs on military installations, overseas employment opportunities, and volunteer options.

For those exploring career options, the Military Spouse Career Center has a "Career Advice" section outlining a step-by-step approach to career planning. Tools and tips for assessing personal goals, skills and interests are included. This section culminates in tips for job searches, resumes, interviews, and starting a career, as well as, family support resources that can be key enablers to pursuing a career. Topics include career counseling, licensing and certification, childcare and youth programs.

The Center also includes links to the personal support services offered to military families at Military OneSource 24/7 at 1-800-342-9647 and www.militaryonesource.com.

CORRECTIONS PLEASE: I have two corrections to make from the last article. 1. The number for the Delta Dental info was incorrect. The correct number is 1-888-838-8737. Thanks to an alumni member this is correct. 2. The cost for the tickets for the July Alumni Picnic is \$7.00. A vote was taken at the April meeting to increase it to a round number. Thanks for your patience in this matter.

Bill Mittag Jr. is looking for old pictures of the unit's aircraft – anything and everything. If you have some that you can part with, either contact him at A2BCMITTAG@aol.com or send them in to me via the Alumni Assn. He's an avid collector and is putting together some great shots etc.

Hooray! We are having hats and shirts made with the Alumni Emblem on them. Hats will be blue with the emblem and the cost is \$10.00. Shirts will be \$20.00. They will be available at the picnic and we will also take orders. Out of towners – if you'd like some then let me know via email or letter. We need your size and how many. The hats and shirts are embroidered not stamped and they are very nice. We can't place an order unless we have your payment, so send your check w/order please. You can let me know via email but send your check right out, made out to 174th Alumni Assn.

Annual Picnic is July 30th, All Services Club, 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. Tickets again are \$7.00, beer, soda and water available. Mixed drinks at your own cost. DJ will be playing from 2 – 5 pm. Memorial Service will be at 1:30 so that we beat the heat of the day and more will be able to attend. Bring lawn chairs for comfort and again there'll be tents to keep us somewhat cool. Door prizes etc. The South Shore Association will prepare BBQ chicken. Any questions, please give me a call at 315-598-3999.

At our May 19th meeting, we had a representative from the Onondaga County Sheriff's Dept K-9 Division. Since this article is done previous to that meeting, I will give you more info at next writing. For the July meeting we will view a videotape of

the 109th Scotia unit's mission to Antarctica...I'm told it is quite wonderful.

The Alumni Assn will be donating a commercial popcorn machine to the All Services Club. A vote was taken and unanimously passed to purchase the machine at a cost of \$500.00. A permanent plaque will be displayed on the front saying that it was donated by the 174th Alumni Assn, 2005.

Mel Denny, Jim Shanahan and Gene McIntyre are co-chairing the committee to get us prepared to participate in the Sept 11th, 2005 Family Day. If you have some memorabilia that we could "borrow" to put on display, that would help us out a great deal. Old uniforms, pictures, emblems, etc.. They can be reached at: Mel Denny, 687-6005, Jim Shanahan – 687-7834, Gene McIntyre – 455-1751. Or email me at jmcna-mal@twcny.rr.com.

Our membership stands at 632 at present. With 125 spouses on their roster. If you know someone who is eligible to join, have them contact us and we'll get an application out to him or her, or bring them to a meeting.

NEWS:

Doctors at the American Stroke Assoc. annual meeting last February, said that any bystander can **"identify a stroke"** simply by asking three questions: 1. Ask the individual to smile; 2. Ask him/her to raise both arms; 3. Ask the person to speak a simple sentence. If a person has trouble with any of these tasks, call

9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher. They found that non-medical people could identify facial, arm weakness and speech problems. They urged the general public to learn these three questions. **PASS IT ALONG TO ALL YOU KNOW. This is AMA correct.**

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 16th, 7:00 pm All Services Club. Refreshments served. We would love to see some new members attend.. **HOW ABOUT OUR FEMALE RETIREE'S -**



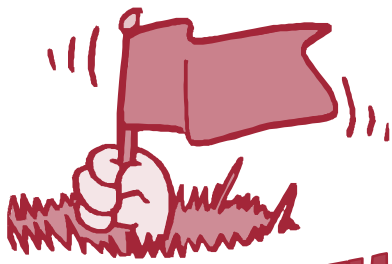
Jim English and Bill Raymond on the flight line.



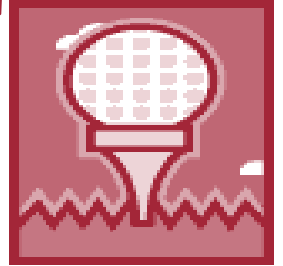
Senior Master Sergeant (last time) Jamie Boswell was promoted to "CHIEF" on the 28th of March. He is assigned to the Logistics Squadron, and is one of Lt. Col. O'Connor's two chiefs. (Chief Boswell poses with his family: children; Zachary, Michaela, Stephen, and his wife Erma. Also in attendance were his father and in-laws who are not pictured.)



2nd Lt. Tracy Schroeder 174th FW Security Forces Officer swore in one of the newest members of the 174th Security Forces Squadron, Steffan Martin. Joining his brother SSgt. Austin Liquori-Martin who is also a member of the 174th FW SFS. Welcome aboard Steffan!



20th-174FW Sikora/Alumni Golf Tournament



Friday June 10th

Westvale Country Club, Camillus

0800 Shotgun Start

**\$40.00 each or \$160.00 per foursome
(Price includes: Greens Fees, Cart, Burgs, Dogs and
refreshments at the turn and
you may even see a roving refreshment cart.)**

Prizes: Closest to the pin, Longest Drive, 50/50 Raffle

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